

# DRAGNET OUT FOR R. V. N. GORSLINE AS AN ACCOMPLICE IN HALL MURDER

## Missing Man Sought by Police Of Five States

Police of five states today are searching for Ralph V. N. Gorsline, whose arrest as an accessory to the Hall-Mills murder was ordered by Assistant Attorney General Alexander Simpson.

Gorsline was reported to be at Spring Lake, N. J., but a check up revealed he left there Sunday. It is believed he has taken refuge in the White Mountains in New Hampshire and unless he gives himself up soon posses will be organized to hunt him down, according to Mr. Alex. Simpson.



Alex. Simpson

The warrant for Gorsline's arrest was obtained from County Judge Frank L. Cleary at Somerville, N. J., at the same time as another warrant which called for the holding of Mrs. Nellie Lo Russell, a negress, who was an important witness in the first inquiry, as a material witness.

### Five States Seek Fugitive

Mr. Simpson said that Gorsline would be held without bail when he was caught. Mrs. Russell, he declared, would be held in \$10,000 bail.

Police of New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire are watching for Gorsline and have a description of him and his auto.

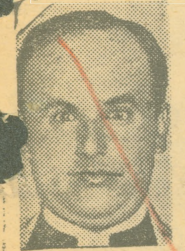
Gorsline is a vestryman in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, of which the slain Rev. E. W. Hall was rector. Gorsline knew closely Mrs. Eleanor Mills, Hall's paramour, who was murdered with the rector, and stories at the time of Hall-Mills murder allied them closely.

The attention of the authorities was originally directed to Gorsline by reports that a green touring car had been seen backing out of De Russey's Lane, a tiny thoroughfare bisecting the Phillips farm, upon which the bodies were seen.

The green car, never identified or traced, bobbed up time and time again in the investigation as having been seen in the vicinity of the crime locale shortly before the time the murder is believed to have been committed.

### Knew of Intrigue

Coupled with the reports of the green car were reports that Gorsline knew of the intrigue between his rector and the choir singer.



The Rev. E. W. Hall



Mrs. Eleanor Mills

The name of a New Brunswick woman, also a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, was coupled with Gorsline's as having knowledge of the affair.

Gorsline, who is thin, rather gaunt and more than six feet tall, lived at the time of the first investigation at 258 Powers St., New Brunswick. He is married and the father of one child, a daughter.

### New Woman Witness

The announcement of the two expected arrests was made shortly after a new woman witness in the case visited Senator Simpson in his

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## Sworn in to Probe Hall Murder



Senator Alex. Simpson, who is STARTLING developments with further arrests are promised by shown above being sworn in as special prosecutor in the Hall-Mills murder case by Judge Robert V. Kinkead. Simpson was appointed by Gov. A. Harry Moore, who has taken charge of the investigation.

## 'Pig Woman' Ever Dreamy Even as Child, Says Mother

By JACK MILEY

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., August 5.—Talking calmly and with marvelous recollection of events that took place 40 years ago, a little old woman last night gave a new and different conception of the character of Jane Gibson, the "pig woman," by whose testimony the state hopes to solve the Hall-Mills murder case.

The woman was Salome Eisentner Cerrenner, mother of Jane Gibson, whose drab farm drudge disguise faded yesterday into the spangles of a former circus bareback queen. She said:

"Jane was always imaginative. As a little girl her vivid imagination was her propelling force. Her childhood dreams of glory and fame as an equestrienne led her into a circus career against my wishes.

"Imagination has been the dominant factor of her existence. Even now, in middle age, she has not lost that trait."

Another side of Jane Gibson also was revealed by her mother. A colorless, taciturn Jane who people believe a slovenly woman, interested only in the raising and slaughtering of her pigs, has an artistic side to her being.

"A few years ago," Mrs. Cerrenner said, "Jane fancied herself as a pianist and developed an urge to master music.

"In a New Brunswick store she got a most expensive mahogany piano.

"She brought it into the shack where she lived. She bought instruction books and began lessons. For hours she sat at the keyboard learning only a few chords.

When hard times came upon her this spring," Mrs. Cerrenner said, she sought a buyer for the piano. Failing, she took it into an agent who is now trying to sell it for her.

"Yes," she concluded, "my little girl always had such a wonderful imagination."

### KERSCH TRAINING

TANNERSVILLE, Aug. 5.—Lew Kersch, east side New York fighter, is training here for his fight Monday night at Dexter Park, Brooklyn, with Spencer Gardner.

## Mrs. Hall's Arrest Weirdest Phase in Baffling Mystery

The New York Evening GRAPHIC today prints another installment of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall's side of the case in which she is accused of murder—the first detailed story of her side. Mrs. Hall, alone of all the figures involved in the case, shuns publicity. Her lawyers respect her wish to remain out of the limelight. But her intimate friends, indignant over the unfair stories of her which have been published, have made it possible for The GRAPHIC to reveal today the unimpeachable past of the clergyman's widow who was jailed on the faltering suspicion of a woman whose word does not deserve the credence it has commanded.

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Forced to remain within her New Brunswick home in these days of intolerable heat in order to escape the spies who would misinterpret her every movement in a manner to damage her most, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall prays for the solution of the mystery that for four years has blanketed the murder of her clergyman husband through the confession of the slayer.

Since the night of the foul crime

Mrs. Hall has been consumed with a never diminishing hope that the actual slayer will come forward and confess having done to death the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills on the old Phillips farm, Somerset county, N. J., on the night of September 14, 1922.

Jailed on a presumption of guilt so ridiculous that Justice Gummere of the New Jersey Supreme Court hesitated even to ask so much bail as \$15,000 when he released her, Mrs. Hall is exploited and maligned on the shaky suspicion of a woman farmer of clouded character.

It is Mrs. Hall against Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman." It is the word of the clergyman's widow, a woman upon whose family tree no blemish can be found through several generations, against the word of a woman who attempts to hide her own past life in evasions and accusations.

Because, in short, Mrs. Jane Gibson fancies that she saw a woman in the darkness that hid the Phillips farm on September 14, 1922, that woman was Mrs. Hall, and, further, she was involved in the slaying of her husband and the choir singer.

### Fail to Show Motive

In their demonstrably ill-advised

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Mrs. Frances Hall

## No Charge for His Services, Simpson Hints

Senator Simpson today indicated he will not ask any fee for his work in connection with the Hall-Mills case. He was told there was reported to be some opposition in Somerset county to the probable cost of the new investigation.

"My investigation will not be expensive," he said. "I will not ask Somerset county for any money for myself, if I can get to the bottom of this thing. If I succeed in doing so, I think it would be a great service to the governor and the state of New Jersey. The only expense will be for stenographers and detectives. I am not going to the Board of Freeholders of Somerset county and ask for money. Gov. Moore stated, when reports reached him about the talk of expense, that an investigation of murder cannot be halted because of expense."

## PHILLIPS PETROL SETS NEW PRODUCTION PEAK

The Phillips Petroleum Company announces that it has completed 22 producing wells in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas during the past week, and that its total daily production reached a new peak at 52,053 barrels. Gross production was 63,520 barrels from over 2,000 wells.

## Mrs. Russell Goes To Bed as Police Fail to Jail Her

By GRAPHIC Staff Correspondent

NEW BRUNSWICK, Aug. 5.—

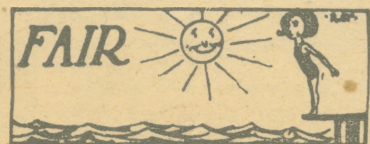
In a dilapidated shack on the outskirts of New Brunswick this morning a poverty-stricken colored woman waited to be arrested to tell what she knew of the circumstances surrounding the Hall-Mills murder.

She is Mrs. Nellie Lo Russell, who, four years ago, testified that Mrs. Jane Gibson was at her home when the "pig woman" claims she saw Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall at the scene of the murder.

The negress had been told by newspaper men of her expected arrest, and she calmly announced that she would remain dressed so that she "wouldn't keep them officers waiting."

## THE WEATHER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1926.



U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Fair today and tomorrow; slightly cooler today; moderate north and northeast winds.  
EASTERN NEW YORK—Fair and cooler in southern part, showers in northern; moderate northeast winds.

## Wadsworth Opens Fire On the Prohibition Law

United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., who will be a candidate for re-election in the fall, opened his campaign last night with a speech at a dinner given for him by the Republican Business Men, Inc., in the Fifth Avenue Restaurant.

Senator Wadsworth asserted that the present attempt at prohibition enforcement was

worse than unsuccessful and caused in the general public a contempt for law.

"The government is doing its best to prevent people from getting a drink, and a large section of the public is doing its best to get one," said the senator.



Senator Wadsworth

"The average man simply cannot regard taking a drink as a

wrongful act. Two groups are genuinely interested in the law—those good persons who honestly believe total abstinence should be forced on the people and the bootleggers who grow rich and pay no taxes. We have not gained anything by substituting the bootlegger and the speakeasy for the saloon.

"I believe the church and school can accomplish more than the policeman."

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia, who came later to the dinner, was received with cries of "Our next governor!"